



The Dominican Learning Center improves the lives of adult learners through education.

 **March 2023** 

Dear DLC community,

I hope with this spring season comes peace, joy, and much happiness. As usual, we are hard at work here at the Dominican Learning Center. There are several projects on which we have been working. Beginning more than a year ago, a team of Advisory Council members took on the task of developing a new Strategic Plan for the DLC. Jim, a tutor and extremely capable member of the Council, led the process. It is clear that much time and thought went into it and I am honored to have worked with such a wonderful team to create the document that can help guide our organization for the next several years.

In February we also began a new parish partnership. Garnett, a parishioner who was also one of our current ESL tutors, approached us about beginning ESL classes at St. Cecilia Catholic Church. We already have partnerships and offer small group classes at Christ the King, St. Mary Magdalene (Bishop Ready), St. Thomas, St. James the Less, St. Peter, Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, and St. Matthias and were ready to expand our reach with a new partnership. Garnett also recruited his learner, Estrella, to be our site coordinator. Along with having gained a very good grasp of the English language, she is fluent in Spanish and will be able to communicate with all of the learners. Thank you to all of the teachers and other participants who stepped up to make this program a reality!

As spring approaches, we are preparing some great activities. Stay posted for information about the first Culture Forum of the year. We are looking to hold this special event in late April. In May we will have our Tutor Appreciation Dinner and in June we will have our Graduation. Even then, however, I don't anticipate that things will slow down. Soon after that we will be moving to our new home in German Village. I am really looking forward to showing off the new facility when it is available to us. At this time, the team that is readying the location have continued to promise that it will be ready for us by the start of the next school year.

Lastly, I want to say again that I am so happy to be able to be a part of your education journey and the many successes that occur on a daily basis. I truly appreciate that you have chosen the DLC. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything you need from me or the Center.

Peace and blessings,
Denise

We need ESL tutors!

New ESL learners are having to wait longer than we would like to be matched with a tutor.

If anyone is interested in taking on another learner or know anyone interested in tutoring, please contact Annette to register at 614-444-7330 x2 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org

YOU DO NOT NEED TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE TO BE AN ESL TUTOR.

**Our next tutor training is
Saturday, March 11th
from 9am-12:30pm**



[Click here for more information
on tutoring](#)

We are pleased to announce two new courses available in the Aztec learning program!



1. **Aztec Digital Literacy** for GED/ABE tutors and learners to learn computer skills! This course has the same format as the other Aztec programs. Students can work independently, or with a tutor to follow the Lessons and Drills. The areas include Essential Computer Skills, Essential Software Skills, and Using Technology in Daily Life.

2. **Aztec GED play** is used by students in the Aztec GED level course. Videos in this course are divided into the four GED subject areas (Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies).

After taking the GED Practice Test in the Aztec GED level course, students are given a correlation to videos which will help improve skills needed for the GED Ready and to pass the GED Test.



Congratulations to Our Learners!

We have three more GED learners who passed part of the GED test!

Amparo (left) passed the Language Arts portion of the test. **Euridice** (middle) passed Language Arts in January and then passed the Science test in February. **Teresita** (right) passed the Math test. **Congratulations to you all!**



ESL Learners

ESL learner **Andrea** (left) went up a level in her studies. Andrea says that she has grown her vocabulary and can now communicate more with people. She knows now that she can understand and learn more English. We are very happy for you, Andrea!

When ESL Learner **Saynab** (right) recently went up a level in our Venture series of ESL books, her tutor Megan gave us an update on her progress: "Saynab has a decent grasp of spoken English since she had been here for 20 years but had little formal education. We started by reviewing how to write the alphabet. She had some reading ability, but it was slower.

Now she's reading through chapters of a beginner's book we've borrowed from the library ("Short Stories in English for Beginners" by Olly Richards).

She now has a strong grasp of the book activities like multiple choice, fill in the blank, word searches, word scrambles, and such. It's been really cool to see her gain a better understanding as we go. She is doing so well!"



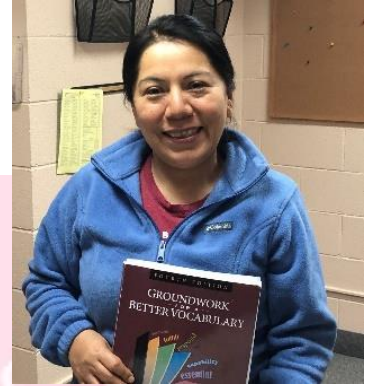
More GED Learners Making Steady Progress



Ramona B. (left) moved up a level in her Language Arts studies to Challenger 3. Ramona and her twin sister work for the Dominican Sisters of Peace and are the best housekeepers. She works and studies very hard. She never misses her class and always has her assignments done. Sister Shawn really enjoys teaching Ramona!

Congratulations to **Fatu** (not pictured) who recently moved up to the next level in the Challenger Adult Reading Series! Her tutor Edie says she is working hard and making progress. She is committed to reaching her goals of completing her GED. Fatu has plans for higher education at a college level. Her faith in God keeps her focused on her education and she plans to eventually open an educational care center for children with autism. "I am confident she will be able to achieve her goals and enjoy working with her in the process."

GED learner **Lidia** (right) moved up to Challenger 5. She also just recently started with a new tutor. Her former tutor, Sister Shawn, shared a little about their time together: "Lidia began studying with me in February of 2022. She worked very hard at her book lessons and on Aztec. She never missed a session and progressed quickly as she sometimes even worked ahead and then reviewed and reinforced her learning at our meetings. I so enjoyed having her as a student and am glad I will still see her when she comes in to meet her new tutor, Tim!"



Congratulations!

Our March attendance and Aztec winners are:

Attendance (GED/ABE) – Angela B.

Attendance (ESL) – Marcos E.

Aztec – Amparo R.

Keep up the good work!!

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Zoom with us and other tutors!

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow tutors and share ideas and strategies with them. Meetings will be:

-GED Language Arts – 2nd Thursday of the month (3/9) at noon

-GED Math – 2nd Monday of the month (3/13) at noon

-All tutors (ESL & GED) – 3rd Wednesday of the month (3/15) at 7:30 pm

See the newsletter email for Zoom meeting ID's and Passcodes – These will change each month.

